

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 10, replace the paragraph beginning on line 20 as follows:

Figure 1. Construction of H44/76[pHBK30]. Two-step PCR mutagenesis leading to the hybrid *lpxA* gene, with *E.coli*-specific primers Epr1 (ACT-GACCGCTGTGATTGATAAATCCGC) SEQ ID NO:1 seq. id. nr. 1 and Epr2 (GTAGGGCGGCACGTCCCTGCGCCACACCGGA) seq. id. nr. 2 SEQ ID NO:2 and *N.meningitidis*-specific primers Npr1 (TCCGGTGTGGCGCAGGACGTGCCGCCCTAC) seq. id. nr. 3 SEQ ID NO:3 and Npr2 (CGGCCGCTCTAGAACTAGTGGATCA) seq. id. nr. 4 SEQ ID NO:4.